



Energy Sector PROJECT PROFILE

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Key Jordanian energy sector stakeholders learn about the State of Vermont's experience in implementing a renewable energy feed-in tariff.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Implemented by: National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)

Duration: 2009 – 2012

Total Funding: \$658,941

Beneficiaries: Jordan Electricity Regulatory Commission and other Jordanian energy sector stakeholders

Geographic Coverage: Nationwide

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Electricity Regulatory Commissions Partnership

BACKGROUND

Jordan's energy sector has faced steadily rising electricity demand and high fuel costs in recent years. Against this backdrop, the Jordanian Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) works to ensure just and reasonable electricity rates and to guarantee energy security through economic regulation. ERC's capacity, transparency, and expertise play integral roles in advancing policy goals and continuing to build a reliable, affordable, and sustainable national electricity system. Sound regulatory principles are also at the heart of maintaining a stable investment climate that will enable the country to achieve 7% renewable energy generation by 2015 under the National Energy Strategy.

USAID supports ERC's partnership with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) to address key regulatory challenges and thereby help Jordan meet its energy goals. By partnering with U.S. regulators, ERC:

1. Builds the institutional capacity and governance functions to improve oversight of the electricity market
2. Improves delivery standards and enhances consumer protection
3. Encourages private investment in the electricity sector and the integration of renewables
4. Enacts new training initiatives for ERC staff to enhance technical expertise

ACTIVITIES

- Training commissioners and regulatory staff on technical and policy issues
- Supporting peer-to-peer information sharing among regulators
- Facilitating energy sector stakeholder dialogue on regulatory issues
- Advising on best practices and future challenges

PROGRESS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Enabled peer-to-peer information sharing opportunities for over 50 ERC staff and Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources representatives through interactive partnership exchanges to promote sound regulatory practices in areas such as resource planning, Smart Grid, and clean energy



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The Jordanian ERC delegation and Colorado Public Utility Commission discuss foundational regulatory issues and exchange information on regulatory frameworks in their respective jurisdictions.

- Provided formal training at U.S.-based institutions for six ERC staff on technical issues to increase knowledge of foundational regulatory principles including transparency, consumer protection, and grid reliability
- Advanced discussion on renewable energy tariff methodology through a stakeholder forum on renewable pricing for 30 Jordan energy sector stakeholders from five government offices, four distribution utilities and the transmission utility
- Advised drafting of the Jordan Energy Efficiency Roadmap

PARTNERS

- National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
- Jordan Electricity Regulatory Commission



A handshake seals the signing of the Partnership's Memorandum of Understanding.

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